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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH UNGA: NOVEMBER 12 CORE GROUP

1. STAFFS OF KEY CO-SPONSORS OF KOREAN RESOLUTION MET NOV 12 AT CANADIAN MISSION UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP CANADIAN DEPUTY PERMREP BRUCE. MISOFF BRIEFED GROUP ON EVENTS OF WEEKEND, INCLUDING CHINESE REQUEST FOR AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR DELAY. MISOFF ALSO EXPLAINED SPEED WITH WHICH US-PRC NEGOTIATIONS DEVELOPED, NOTING US EFFORTS, WITHIN LIMITS CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY CHINESE, TO KEEP KEY CO-SPONSORS INFORMED. MISOFF SAID WE WERE NOW OBLIGED, IN OUR OWN INTEREST, TO INSURE THAT TWO SIDES ACTED IN PHASE, INCLUDING INFORMING KEY CO-SPONSORS OF CONSENSUS SIMULTANEOUSLY. CONFIDENTIALITY, HE SAID, REMAINED ESSENTIAL.

2. HAN (ROK) CONFIRMED THAT US-ROK CONSULTATIONS COMPLIMENTED NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT ORIGINAL TEXT PROPOSED ORALLY BY CHINESE HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIVELY MODIFIED IN NEGOTIATIONS.

3. BRUCE THEN ASKED FOR REACTIONS FROM CO-SPONSOR CAPITALS TO CONSENSUS STATEMENT. ONLY NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA CONFIDENTIAL

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CONFIRMED REACTIONS FROM CAPITALS, BOTH OF WHICH FAVORABLE (AUSTRALIA OFFERED ITS CONGRATULATIONS). THAILAND CONFIRMED SUPPORT IN LIGHT OF ROK SUPPORT. NETHERLANDS, CANADA, JAPAN AND UK SAID THEY ANTICIPATED NO PROBLEM FROM THEIR CAPITALS BUT

HAD NO CONFIRMATION.

4. GROUP THEN DISCUSSED PROBABLE NEED TO DELAY START OF FIRST COMITE DEBATE AND IMPORTANCE OF SPEAKING TO FIRST COMITE CHAIRMAN BORCH. ALL AGREED THAT BORCH WOULD BE HELPFUL IN DELAYING DEBATE; THAT TIMING OF APPROACH SHOULD BE WORKED OUT IN LIGHT OF OTHER SIDE'S REQUIREMENTS. GROUP AGREED THAT NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN WITH ANY OTHER DEL UNTIL CHINESE AGREED. GROUP AGREED TO ROK AND DPRK, WITH REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THEIR CO-SPONSORS, COULD APPROACH BORCH WHEN THESE REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED.

5. GROUP ALSO AGREED THAT TWO KOREAN RESOLUTIONS SHOULD REMAIN ON TABLE ALTHOUGH NOT PRESSED TO VOTE; ROK CO-SPONSORS WOULD REFER TO OUR RESOLUTION IN THEIR STATEMENTS; WE WOULD ASK CHINESE TO CONSIDER HAVING CONSENSUS STATEMENT READ EARLY IN THE DEBATE; ONCE CONSENSUS TEXT GIVEN TO CO-SPONSORS IT BECOMES PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND US SHOULD REITERATE THIS TO CHINESE (TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING OF DPRK SIDE).

6. GROUP AGREED RECONVENE MORNING NOV 13 AT NETHERLANDS MISSION TO CONTINUE PREPARATIONS IN LIGHT OF INTERVENING DEVELOPMENTS ON DPRK SIDE. COMMENT: KEY CO-SPONSORS ARE ACCEPTING OUR INSISTENCE THAT SUCCESS IN CONSENSUS REQUIRES LOW US PROFILE; NO MEETINGS AT USUN AND CHAIR ASSUMED BY OTHER DELEGATION. SCALI

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